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- On 5 March 1953, 15 North Korean naval officers returned to the North Korean Navy Staff School at Sosura¹ (N 42-16, E 130-36) after undergoing six months training at a Soviet submarine training center.
- The first three months of their training included lectures on submarine operations, practical training using wooden mock ships, and Communist indoctrination. The final three months included training in communications, torpedo launching and repair and maintenance techniques.
- The instructors for the North Koreans were 5 lieutenant commanders, 10 lieutenants and 20 non-commissioned officers, all Soviets. Three Koreans and two Japanese served as interpreters. All training expenses of the North Koreans were paid by the USSR.
- The training center was two kilometers southeast of a naval base where the Soviets build submarines. This naval base is two-hours flying time by transport aircraft from Vladivostok. Germans and Japanese work at the heavily guarded naval base.

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